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TAGS: PINR, SREF, HA

SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST: RAPHAEL DESTOUCHE

REF: STATE 171362

1. POST NAME CHECK NEGATIVE.

2. BUSINESSMAN JACQUES TASSY -- JACQUES TASSY IS DIVORCED FROM A REPUTED COUSIN, CLELIE OVIDE, OF SIMONE OVIDE DUVALIER, WIDOW OF THE LATE PRESIDENT FRANCOIS "PAPA DOC" DUVALIER -- WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR TASSY, A SEMI-ILLITERATE CARPENTER, TO PROSPER AS A BUSINESS WHEELER-DEALER AND SPECULATOR. WHILE, ACCORDING TO SOME CONTACTS, TASSY RAN AFOUL OF THE AUTHORITIES IN THE LATE 1960'S -- POSSIBLY DUE TO HIS OWN ILLICIT ACTIVITIES -- HE CURRENTLY IS ALIVE, WELL AND EXTREMELY PROSPEROUS. THE GOH RECENTLY REINSTALLED HIM IN A LEADERSHIP POSITION OF A GOH ECONOMIC AGENCY, SHADA, AND HE DRIVES A BRAND NEW BMW.

3. EX-MAJOR JEAN TASSY -- JEAN TASSY IS A FORMER HAITIAN ARMY MAJOR WHO GAINED NOTORIETY AS HEAD OF PORT AU PRINCE'S POLICE CRIMINAL RESEARCH SECTION FROM 1961 TO 1967 DUE TO HIS ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF POLICE DETAINEES. HE TOOK POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN 1967, AND TODAY LIVES IN

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EXILE IN BRASILIA. ACCORDING TO HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW,

JEAN TASSY SUFFERS FROM POOR HEALTH, AND RECENTLY SOUGHT PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER'S APPROVAL TO RETURN TO HAITI, BUT WAS TURNED DOWN.

4. COMMENT - IF SUBJECT'S ASYLUM REQUEST IS BASED ON HIS ALLEGED CONNECTION WITH JACQUES TASSY, IT DOES NOT MAKE MUCH SENSE. IF, HOWEVER, SUBJECT MEANT TO REFER TO FORMER MAJOR JEAN TASSY, WE WOULD NEED THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES IN PORT AU PRINCE OF PERSONS WHO PRIVATELY COULD PROVIDE US WITH FACTS RELEVANT TO SUBJECT'S ASYLUM CLAIM. WE ARE OF COURSE PUZZLED BY THE CLAIM THAT DESTOUCHE BROTHERS WERE IN A POSITION TO HIDE IN 1971 A MAN WHO LEFT HAITI IN 1967. WE ALSO NEED TO KNOW IF WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT SUBJECT'S NAME TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR A NAME CHECK. ISHAM

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